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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Feng Liang et al.
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Commissioner for Patents:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2003, in which a three (3) month Shortened Statutory Period for Response has been set, due to expire April 24, 2003. A total of fifteen (15) claims, including one (1) independent claim, was paid for in the application. No new matter has been added to the application. No fee for additional claims is due by way of this Amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090. Claims 1-15 are pending.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. patent 6,445,095 to Liang et al., in view of U.S. patent 3,688,137 to Filhol or in view of U.S. patent 5,053,658 to Fakler et al. Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer pertaining to U.S. patent 6,445,095, thus overcoming the double patenting rejections. A copy of

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the assignment for U.S. patent 6,445,095, submitted for recordation under a separate cover, is included with this response for the Examiner's reference.

Conclusion

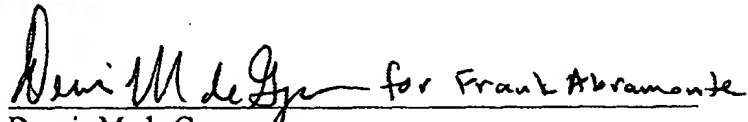
The remaining cited references do not singly, or in any motivated combination, teach or suggest the claimed features of the embodiments recited in independent claim 1, and thus claim 1 is allowable. Because the remaining claims depend from allowable independent claim 1, and also because they include additional limitations, such claims are likewise allowable. If the undersigned attorney has overlooked a relevant teaching in any of the references, the Examiner is requested to point out specifically where such teaching may be found.

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application and timely allow all pending claims. Examiner Nguyen is encouraged to contact Mr. Abramonte by telephone to discuss the above and any other distinctions between the claims and the applied references, if desired. If the Examiner notes any informalities in the claims, he is encouraged to contact Mr. Abramonte by telephone to expediently correct such informalities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Terminal Disclaimer

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